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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF NORTON-RADSTOCK.

Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health for year ended 31st December, 1943.

To the Chairman and Members of the Norton-Radstock Urban District Council.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH LIBRARY

Gentlemen,

I submit an interim report for the year ended 31st December, 1943.

STATISTICS.

Population. On a peace time basis.	11560.
Deaths under 1 year.	14.
Infant Mortality Rate.	34.3.

This does not include premature births. The total deaths under one year are 14. Of these 7 were premature. These premature births were not included in the infant mortality rate.

Total Deaths.	156.
Death Rate.	13.5
Total Births.	204.
Birth Rate.	17.6.
Still Births.	3 Male.
	4 Female.
Total.	7

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Scarlet fever.	52.
Measles.	183.
Whooping Cough.	102.
Puerperal Pyrexia.	2.
Opthalmia.	1.
Pneumonia.	13.

Tuberculosis.		Deaths.
Respiratory.	5.	2.
Non-Respiratory.	4.	0.

MILK SUPPLY.

Five of our producers are Licensed by the County Council as accredited producers and one as a Tuberculin Tested producer. The Norton-Radstock Urban District Council has issued one licence to a pasteuriser to cover his pasteurising plant and another licence to sell pasteurised milk as a dealer.

SAMPLING.

The Sanitary Inspector takes samples on behalf of the County Council for designated milks for the purpose of the Tuberculosis Order.

WATER SUPPLY.

There is no change,

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

There have been no alterations or additions to sewage disposal works or any additional sewers laid.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

There is no change in this.

SCABIES CENTRE.

Attendences.	1040.
New cases.	532.
Inhabitants.	898.
Evacuees.	88.
Treatments.	941.

HOUSING.

There is definite overcrowding, as owing to war conditions, there are not sufficient houses available to meet the demand caused by evacuation and industrial demands. Provision is being made for the erection of 30 houses during the first year after the war, and future building will be entered upon as circumstances permit.

VENEREAL DISEASE.

So far as can be ascertained this area is very fortunate in the scarcity of cases.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) F.W. WIDGERY.

Medical Officer of Health.

3rd July, 1944.